AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A double-split cage comprising:

a strip-shaped sheet which is curved into a semi-cylindrical shape and includes pockets for accommodating a row of rollers arranged in a circumferential direction, the strip-shaped sheet including,

two arch portions separately arranged in an axial ~~direction,~~direction;

pillar portions arranged in the circumferential direction for connecting the arch portions ~~together,~~together;

protrusions protruding in the circumferential direction by a first length from the pillar portions located at opposite distal ends in the circumferential direction, which are provided at opposite distal ends of the two arch portions, ~~respectively,~~respectively; and

chamfered portions having a second length in the circumferential direction formed at corners outside in the axial direction of the protrusions, respectively, wherein the second length of the chamfered portions is larger than the first length of the protrusions.

2. (Original) The double-split cage according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions are formed by cutting positions of the arch portions corresponding to one of the pockets ~~so~~ such that the protrusions have the first length.

3. (Original) The double-split cage according to claim 1, wherein

the strip-shaped sheet includes a central arch portion interposed between the arch portions which divides the pockets, and

connection portions of the pillar portions located at the opposite distal ends with the central arch portion are recessed in the circumferential direction to form recessed portions.

4. (Currently Amended) The double-split cage according to claim 1, wherein an inclination angle of the chamfered portion with respect to the circumferential direction is set at 30 to 60 degrees.

5. (Original) The double-split cage according to claim 4, wherein the inclination angle is set at 45 to 60 degrees.

6. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 3, wherein the double-split cage

comprises a substantially M-shape.

7. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 1, further comprising pawl-shaped stops protruding from the pillar portions to retain a roller.

8. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 7, wherein the pawl-shaped portions protrude toward one another from opposed pillar portions.

9. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 1, wherein the pillar portions are arranged opposite to one another in the axial direction.

10. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 3, wherein the recessed portions comprise oblique faces formed at opposite ends of the recessed portions.

11. (New) A double-split cage, comprising:

a strip-shaped sheet which is curved into a semi-cylindrical shape and includes pockets for accommodating a row of rollers arranged in a circumferential direction, the strip-shaped sheet including,

three arch portions separately arranged in an axial direction;

pillar portions arranged in the circumferential direction for connecting the arch portions together;

protrusions protruding in the circumferential direction by a first length from the pillar portions located at opposite distal ends in the circumferential direction, which are provided at opposite distal ends of the two outer arch portions, respectively; and

chamfered portions having a second length in the circumferential direction formed at corners outside in the axial direction of the protrusions, respectively, wherein the second length of the chamfered portions is larger than the first length of the protrusions.

12. (New) A double-split cage according to claim 11, wherein a middle arch portion includes a recess at opposite distal ends in the circumferential direction.

13. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 11, wherein the protrusions are formed

by cutting positions of the arch portions corresponding to one of the pockets such that the protrusions have the first length.

14. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 11, wherein

the pillar portions include connection portions located at the opposite distal ends of the pillar portions that are recessed in the circumferential direction to form recessed portions.

15. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 11, wherein an inclination angle of the chamfered portion with respect to the circumferential direction is set at 30 to 60 degrees.

16. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 11, wherein an inclination angle of the chamfered portion with respect to the circumferential direction is set at 45 to 60 degrees.

17. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 11, further comprising pawl-shaped stops protruding from the pillar portions to retain a roller.

18. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 17, wherein the pawl-shaped portions protrude toward one another from opposed pillar portions.

19. (New) The double-split cage according to claim 11, wherein the pillar portions are arranged opposite to one another in the axial direction.

20. (New) A method of manufacturing a double split cage, comprising:

providing a metallic strip;

forming the strip to have a substantially M-shaped cross-section;

forming rectangular shaped pockets into the metallic strip;

stamping pillar portions into the rectangular shaped pockets;

forming pawls in the pillar portions;

bending the metallic strip into a semi-cylindrical shape having a predetermined length; and

cutting the metallic strip at a point substantially equivalent to a length of the pawls.